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Please amend the claims as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1 (previously presented): A phytosterol ester compound produced from a reaction of a phytosterol with eicosapentaenoic acid or docosahexaenoic acid, said compound being liquid at temperatures from about -20°C to about 20°C.

2 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 1 wherein the phytosterol is selected from the group consisting of beta-sitosterol, stigmasterol, campesterol, and mixtures thereof.

3 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 2 wherein the phytosterol is selected form the group consisting of beta-sitosterol, stigmasterol, and mixtures thereof.

4 (previously presented): A composition according to claim 3 wherein the phytosterol is beta-sitosterol.

5-6 (canceled).

8 (previously presented): A composition comprising an admixture of the compounds (a) and (b) wherein (a) is a phytosterol ester compound produced from a reaction of a phytosterol with eicosapentaenoic acid or docosahexaenoic acid; and (b) is a second ester which is the product of an esterification reaction between a phytosterol and/or a phytostanol and (i) a fatty

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acid having less than 18 or more than 22 carbon atoms and at least three carbon-carbon double bonds and/or; (ii) a fatty acid having from 18 to 22 carbon atoms and less than three carbon-carbon double bonds.

24 (previously presented): A phytostanol ester compound produced from a reaction of a phytostanol with eicosapentaenoic acid or docosahexaenoic acid, said compound being liquid at temperatures from about -20°C to about 20°C.

25 (previously presented): A compound produced from a reaction of eicosapentaenoic acid or docosahexaenoic acid with a mixture of phytosterol and phytostanol, wherein the phytosterol is selected from the group consisting of beta-sitosterol, stigmasterol, campesterol, and mixtures thereof; and the phytostanol is selected from the group consisting of campestanol, beta-sitostanol, and mixtures thereof.

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